

The Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MAURICIO ROMERO MARIA,

Defendant.

No. CR23-047 RSM

ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED
MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL AND
PRETRIAL MOTIONS DEADLINE

This matter comes before the Court upon motion of defendant, Mauricio Romero Maria, for a continuance of the trial and the pretrial motions due date. The government, by AUSAs Andy Colasurdo and Vince Lombardi, stipulate to the continuance. Mr. Romero Maria agrees with the continuance request and has signed a waiver of his right to a speedy trial to accommodate it.

The Court has considered the facts set forth in the motion and based on those facts FINDS as follows:

1. The ends of justice will be served by ordering a continuance in this case; a continuance is necessary to ensure adequate time for effective case preparation; and these factors outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant in a speedy trial.

2. A failure to grant the continuance would deny defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, within the

1 meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv). In addition, a failure to grant the continuance would
2 deny counsel for the government continuity of counsel, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. §
3 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv). Finally, the failure to grant a continuance in the proceeding would likely result
4 in a miscarriage of justice, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).

5 3. The ends of justice will be served by ordering a continuance in this case, as a
6 continuance is necessary to ensure adequate time for the defense to review discovery and
7 effectively prepare for trial, and to provide the government continuity of counsel. All of these
8 factors outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant in a more speedy trial, within the
9 meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7).

10 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the trial date shall be continued to September 16,
11 2024, and that the pretrial motions deadline is reset to August 1, 2024.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the resulting period of delay from the filing of the
13 motion to continue to the new trial date is hereby excluded for speedy trial purposes under 18
14 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (h)(7)(B)(iv).

15 DONE this 20th day of February, 2024.

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18 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
19 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

20 Presented by:

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